

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)
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Petition for Waiver Pursuant to Condition)
(30) of the SBC/Ameritech Merger Order)

Docket No. 00-0238

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**ILLINOIS
COMMERCE COMMISSION**

**PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF McLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.**

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeodUSA"), by its undersigned attorneys, seeks to intervene and participate as a party in this docket. In support thereof, McLeodUSA states as follows:

1. McLeodUSA is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Iowa. McLeodUSA provides a broad range of telecommunications products and services in numerous states around the country, including competitive local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in Illinois. McLeodUSA is certificated to provide telecommunications services in Illinois, and provides such services in the area in which Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech ("Ameritech") is the incumbent local exchange carrier.

2. The matters which will be addressed in this docket will impact McLeodUSA's provision of telecommunications services in Illinois. Thus, McLeodUSA has an interest in and will be affected by the outcome of this proceeding.

3. McLeodUSA will participate in this proceeding to the extent allowed by Section 200.200 of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

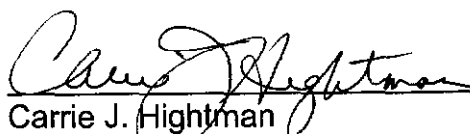
4. Copies of all pleadings, notices and correspondence in this proceeding should be sent to the undersigned attorneys and to:

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WHEREFORE, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. requests authority to intervene in this proceeding and to participate as a party.

Dated: July 14, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carrie J. Hightman", is written over a horizontal line.


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VERIFICATION

I, Carrie J. Hightman, being first duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am an attorney for McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., an Iowa corporation; that I am authorized to make this Verification on its behalf; that I have read the above and foregoing Petition To Intervene in Docket No. 00-0238 by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; and that said contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



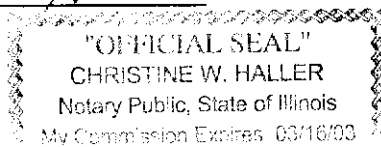
Carrie J. Hightman

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SERVICES, INC.

Subscribed and Sworn
to before me this
14th day of July, 2000.




Notary Public



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney for McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. hereby certifies that she caused copies of the Petition To Intervene Of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. to be served on each of the persons on the attached Service List by depositing same in the U.S. Mail on July 14, 2000.


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